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ROUTING

INITIAL INFO

EO 12958 3.3(b)(1)>25Yrs  
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INFO

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CITE

PRIORITY

OXCAR BLACK SHIELD

REF:

6459

Job # 69B 00404R  
Box #1 Folder 33

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCED MESSAGE REQUIREMENT THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

(A) A MISSILE WAS FIRED FROM SAM SITE 267 PRIOR TO FRAME 502  
(0405:22Z) OF MISSION BLACK SHIELD 6842 OF 4 JANUARY 1968. NO  
MISSILE WAS VISIBLE LEAVING THE SITE. HOWEVER, THE SIZE AND SHAPE  
OF THE SMOKE CLOUD AT SITE 267 INDICATED THAT THE MISSILE WAS  
FIRED A FEW SECONDS PRIOR TO THE TIME THE SITE WAS FIRST IMAGED  
ON FRAME 502. DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF THE SITE IS NOT  
POSSIBLE DUE TO THE COMBINATION OF SMOKE, SHADOW AND OBLIQUITY.  
IT CAN BE DETERMINED, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST ONE LAUNCHER IS  
ERECTED BUT THE ORIENTATION OF THE LAUNCHER CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

(B) A SHORT VAPOR TRAIL IS VISIBLE ON FRAME 516 (0405:55Z).  
SINCE THIS VAPOR TRAIL IS IMAGED ON ONLY ONE FRAME OF PHOTOGRAPHY,  
IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION, ALTITUDE, OR DISTANCE

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FROM THE AIRCRAFT. IT DOES APPEAR THAT THE MISSILE TRAVELED FROM WEST TO EAST, CLIMBING AND APPROACHING THE AIRCRAFT.

2. ANNOTATED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VAPOR TRAIL AND SAM SITE 267 WILL BE FORWARDED [ ] AS SOON AS THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE IS RECEIVED AND REPRODUCTION MATERIALS PROCESSED BY [ ]

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